Fertilizer industries operating in Bihar

†588. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of fertilizer industries opened in Bihar by Central Government;

(b) whether all these industries are operational;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHHATTRA PAL SINGH):

(a) There is no major fertilizer industry in Bihar set up by Central Government.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Water treatment plants in ponds and lakes

†589. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any project for installation of water treatment plants for treatment of water of ponds and lakes under the various projects of the Ministry;

(b) the names of the States alongwith the number of ponds and lakes where Government have installed the water treatment plants for the last three years;

(c) whether the Ministry has formulated any scheme to install a water treatment plant in order to purify the badly contaminated water in 'Pushkar Sarover' of the famous pilgrim place of Ajmer District; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when this scheme would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) There is no

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proposal for installation of water treatments plants for treatment of water of ponds and lakes. However, under a centrally sponsored scheme of National Lake Conservation Plan for the conservation and management of polluted lakes, sewage treatment plants have been sanctioned for the abatement of pollution of the lake. The names of States, towns and lakes where the sewage treatment plants have been sanctioned so far, during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

SI. No	State	Town	Lake	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1	Rajasthan	Jaipur	Mansagar	4.5	-	-
2	Karnataka	Bangalore	Kotekere	-	0.88	-
3	Tamil Nadu	Dindigul District		1.05		-
4	Uttaranchal	Nainital	Bhimtal	-	-	1.35
	TOTAL:			4.5	1.93	1.35

(c) & (d) Government have not received any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan for restoration of 'Pushkar Sarovar' in Ajmer District for consideration under National Lake Conservation Plan.

Forest cover for ecological balance

590. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 30.6 per cent of land in Assam is under forest cover and also more than 3 per cent of land is under trees or forests, having value for ecological balance of a country, but not recognised by forest department of the Government, which exceed 33 per cent as required by the norms of forests cover for ecological balance in Assam; and

(b) if so, what is the difficulty of Government in declaring some of the deforested forest land, occupied by peasants long ago, *i.e.* 35 to 50 years, as dereserved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) According to the State of Forest Report, 2001 the forest cover and tree cover of Assam is 27,714 Sq. Km. (35.3%) and 1942 Sq. Km. (2.5%) respectively of the total